

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the CT General Assembly:

Good afternoon. My name is Belem Trejo. I am a member of Uniting for a Safe Inclusive Community - Manchester. I'm in favor of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

I want to give my testimony about not having health insurance. It has been very difficult for me because since I have been in this country, on several occasions I have been sick, and not having health insurance, sometimes one tries to not go to the doctor because what I have to do is very expensive. I have gone to the hospital and when I needed to do a test I left without doing it because it was very expensive. Right now I owe the hospital a large amount of money. I suffer from a thyroid ailment and I have to be treated for it; I have cysts in my womb and my doctor tells me that if an operation is necessary that it would be good if I had a Husky to help me, but as an immigrant I do not qualify. I ask the people who could help to put their hands on their hearts and help us. I am a person like everyone else who is in this country fighting for my family, just as I am sure there are many people doing the same. Thank you very much.

Please support S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Thank you for your time,

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